

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, lines 15-33, as follows:

Formulations I and II (detailed above) were prepared as follows:

Stearin (supplied as free flowing beads of 1mm or less in diameter made by Quest International Pty Ltd (Netherlands) and ~~lecithin~~-lysine (supplied as a deep brown viscous syrup from Lucas Myer (Germany) were hand mixed using a spatula in a small beaker. Deslorelin (Bachem, Switzerland) pre-treated by the above described freeze drying process, was then added and thoroughly mixed into the excipients. The mixed material was transferred to the barrel of a ram extruder that has a 1mm nozzle attached and is equilibrated to 55°C. The ram extrusion pressure was 40psi. The ram was attached and pressure applied until the product began to extrude. At this point the pressure was backed off and the product allowed to reach 55°C. The product was then extruded at a rate of 3g over a 30 second period. The resulting exudate was allowed to cool and then broken up and re-extruded through a 1mm nozzle. This step was included to ensure uniformity of content throughout the matrix. The 1mm nozzle was then replaced with a 2.3mm diameter nozzle. The same product temperature equilibration procedure was conducted prior to extrusion. The product was then extruded and after cooling the long rods produced were sectioned into lengths of the required weight.